# SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

- ✓ P.L. 1993 c.139 (S-1070)
  - ► "HAZARDOUS SITE DISCHARGE REMEDIATION ACT"
- ✓ P.L. 1997 c.278 (S-39)
  - ► "BROWNFIELD AND CONTAMINATED SITE REMEDIATION ACT"
- ✓ NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED REFERENCE NJSA 58:10B-12

- ✓ REMEDIATION STANDARDS TO BE RISK BASED
  - STATED RISK MANAGEMENT FACTORS
    - 1 X 10-6 FOR CARCINOGENS
    - HQ = 1 FOR NON-CARCINOGENS
  - GENERALLY ACCEPTED AND PEER REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OR METHODOLOGIES
  - REASONABLE ASSUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE SCENARIOS

- **✓ REMEDIATION STANDARDS TO BE RISK BASED** 
  - AVOID THE USE OF REDUNDANT CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS (MAKE USE OF EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE DEVELOPED BY USEPA)
  - ► CONSIDER AND UTILIZE TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION FROM THE USEPA IRIS DATABASE (IN THE ABSENCE OF OF OTHER STANDARDS BASED OR DEVELOPED BY DEP AND USEPA)

✓ DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS

✓ DEVELOPMENT OF SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS THAT ARE PROTECTIVE OF GROUND WATER AND SURFACE WATER

✓ ESTABLISH SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS AS NUMERIC OR NARRATIVE STANDARDS

- ✓ STANDARDS TO BE CONTAMINANT SPECIFIC (NO CUMULATIVE EFECTS OF MORE THAN ONE CONTAMINANT)
- ✓ PROVISION FOR ALTERNATIVE SOIL
  REMEDIATION STANDARDS BASED UPON SITE
  SPECIFIC FACTORS

- ✓ UNTIL SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED, STANDARDS CAN BE DEVELOPED/APPLIED ON A SITE SPECIFIC BASIS
- ✓ NO ECOLOGICAL BASED STANDARDS CAN BE PROPOSED OR ADOPTED UNTIL THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY TASK FORCE COMPLETES IT WORK.
- ✓ HOWEVER, ECOLOGICAL BASED STANDRDS
  CAN BE DEVELOPED/APPLIED OF A SITE
  SPECIFIC BASIS

### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

- ✓ INTERESTED PARTY REVIEW INTERNAL
- **✓ INTERESTED PARTY REVIEW EXTERNAL**
- **✓ DEVELOPMENT OF RULE TEXT**
- ✓ FORMAL RULE PROPOSAL
- ✓ PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENTS
- **✓** RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
- **✓ RULE ADOPTION**

### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS CONTAMINANT LIST

#### ✓ LIST OF CONTAMINANTS

- ► COMBINATION OF USEPA PRIORITY POLLUTANT LIST AND USEPA CONTRACT LABORATORY TCL/TAL LIST
- ► ADDITION OF OTHER CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN (BASED ON DEP PROGRAM NEEDS)
- DELETION OF COMPOUNDS/ELEMENTS (BASED ON ANALYTICAL CONCERNS, TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION, CONSOLIDATION OF ISOMERS)
- **▶ RESULTS IN 145 CONTAMINANTS**

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS TOXICITY FACTOR HIERARCHY

- **✓ TOXICITY FACTOR SOURCES/HIERARCHY** 
  - ▶ DEP A-280
  - ▶ EPA IRIS
  - OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING
    - EPA HEAST
    - EPA NCEA
    - DEP NON A-280
    - CALIFORNIA EPA

# SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS TREATMENT OF CLASS "C" CONTAMINANTS

- ✓ EPA WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR CARCINOGENICITY
  - A HUMAN CARCINOGEN
  - B PROBABLE HUMAN CARCINOGEN
  - C POSSIBLE HUMAN CARCINOGEN
  - ▶ D NOT CLASSIFIABLE AS TO HUMAN CARCINOGENICITY
  - ► E EVIDENCE OF NONCARCINOGENICITY FOR HUMANS

# SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS TREATMENT OF CLASS "C" CONTAMINANTS

#### USEPA WATER PROGRAMS

- ✓ CONTAMINANT TREATED AS A NONCARCINOGEN AT HQ = 0.1
- ✓ IF NO NONCARCINOGEN
  TOX DATA AVAILABLE,
  CONTAMINANT TREATED
  AS A CARCINOGEN AT
  1 X 10-5 RISK LEVEL

#### USEPA SUPERFUND PROGRAM

- ✓ CONTAMINANT TREATED
  AS A CARCINOGEN AT
  1 X 10-6 RISK LEVEL
- ✓ IF NO CARCINOGEN TOX DATA AVAILABLE, CONTAMINANT TREATED AS A NONCARCINOGEN AT HQ = 1

# SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS TREATMENT OF CLASS "C" CONTAMINANTS

- ✓ DEP CLASS "C" CONTAMINANT POLICY
  - TREAT CONTAMINANT AS A CARCINOGEN AT A 1 X 10-6 RISK LEVEL (WITH DSRT REVIEW OF TOXICOLOGICAL DATA)
  - ▶ IF NO CARCINOGEN TOXICOLOGICAL DATA ARE AVAILABLE, TREAT CONTAMINANT AS A NONCARCINOGEN AT HQ = 0.1

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS REPORTING OF NUMERIC STANDARDS

- ✓ ALL NUMERIC STANDARDS ARE EXPRESSED AS mg/kg (PPM)
- ✓ STANDARDS LESS THAN 10 mg/kg ARE ROUNDED TO 1 SIGNIFICANT FIGURE
- ✓ STANDARDS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 10 mg/kg ARE ROUNDED TO 2 SIGNIFICANT FIGURES
- ✓ A CONVENTIONAL ROUNDING PROTOCOL WAS EMPLOYED.

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

**✓ USE OF USEPA MODELS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE** 

✓ USE OF USEPA "DEFAULT' PARAMETERS (MAJOR EXCEPTION - USE OF NEW JERSEY VALUES OVER NATIONAL VALUES)

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS

- ✓ LAND USE SCENARIOS
  - RESIDENTIAL
  - NON-RESIDENTIAL (OUTSIDE WORKER)
- ✓ STANDARDS FOR OTHER NON-RESIDENTIAL SCENARIOS CAN BE DEVELOPED ON A CASE SPECIFIC BASIS

### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS

#### ✓ EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

- **INGESTION DERMAL**
- INHALATION
- IMPACT TO GROUND WATER
- ► ALLERGIC CONTACT DERMATITIS (HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM) (Currently under review by the Chromium Workgroup)

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS

- ✓ USE THE TOXICITY FACTOR HIERARCHY FOR THE INGESTION-DERMAL AND INHALATION PATHWAYS
- ✓ CALCULATE A SOIL REMEDIATION VALUE FOR BOTH CANCER AND NON-CANCER HEALTH ENDPOINTS
- ✓ LOWEST DERIVED VALUE BECOMES THE STANDARD FOR THE GIVEN CONTAMINANT

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS

**INGESTION-DERMAL PATHWAY** 

**INHALATION PATHWAY** 

CANCER
ENDPOINT
(20 mg/kg)

NON-CANCER ENDPOINT (500 mg/kg) CANCER
ENDPOINT
(100 mg/kg)

NON-CANCER ENDPOINT (800mg/kg)

SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARD IS THE LOWEST CALCULATED CONCENTRATION



- ✓ HEALTH BASED CRITERIA MUST BE COMPARED AGAINST ANALYTICAL QUANTITATION LIMITS
- ✓ ANALYTICAL LIMIT USED IS THE PRACTICAL QUANTITATION LEVEL (PQL)
- ✓ PQLs WERE DETERMINED FOR FOR EACH CONTAMINANT WERE TO BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:
  - ► MULTIPLYING ACTUAL LABORATORY METHOD DETECTION LIMITS (MDLs) OR METHOD ESTIMATED MDLs BY 10 (ORGANICS)
  - ► USE OF EPA CLP CONTRACT REQUIRED QUANTITATION LIMITS (METALS)
- ✓ IF HEALTH BASED CONCENTRATION IS LESS THAN THE PQL, THE STANDARD IS SET AT THE PQL

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS INTERIM SPECIFIC STANDARDS

- ✓ INTERIM SPECIFIC STANDARDS
  - > STANDARDS FOR OTHER CONTAMINANTS CAN BE DEVELOPED ON A CASE SPECIFIC BASIS
  - EXISTING STANDARDS CAN BE MODIFIED BASED ON NEW SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

# SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE REMEDIATION STANDARDS

- ✓ PROVIDED FOR IN THE BROWNFIELDS ACT (NJSA 58:10B12f)
- ✓ THREE LEVELS OR TIERS
  - ► SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS USING DEFAULT ASSUMPTIONS
  - ALTERNATIVE REMEDIATION STANDARDS USING SITE SPECIFIC VALUES IN LIEU OF DEFAULT ASSUMPTIONS
  - ► ALTERNATIVE REMEDIATION STANDARDS DERIVED FROM USE OF DIFFERENT MODELS

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE REMEDIATION STANDARDS

✓ BURDEN OF PROOF OF THE PROTECTIVENESS
OF THE ARS LIES WITH THE PERSON
PROPOSING THE ARS

✓ THE DEPARTMENT CAN DEVELOP / IMPLEMENT
AN ARS

✓ AN ARS CAN BE LOWER THAN THE PROMULGATED STANDARD

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

- ✓ BROWNFIELD ACT PRECLUDES THE
  DEPARTMENT FROM REQUIRING REMEDIATION
  BEYOND REGIONAL NATURAL BACKGROUND
  LEVELS FOR ANY CONTAMINANT (NJSA 58:10B12g(4))
- ✓ BROWNFIELD ACTS REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS THAT SET FOR A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY BACKGROUND LEVELS.
  - THIS PROCESS IS CONTAINED IN THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE REMEDIATION (NJAC 7:263-3.10)

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

✓ IF HEALTH BASED CONCENTRATION IS LESS THAN "BACKGROUND", THE SITE SPECIFIC STANDARD WILL BE SET AT BACKGROUND

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

#### ✓ PROBLEM

- WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR THOSE CONTAMINANTS WHOSE HEALTH BASED CRITERION IS AT OR BELOW "NATURAL" BACKGROUND LEVELS?
  - CONDUCT A SITE SPECIFIC BACKGROUND DETERMINATION
  - PROMULGATE A STANDARD BASED ON NATURAL BACKGROUND.
- ✓ ONLY ONE CONTAMINANT EFFECTED
  - ARSENIC

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

✓ ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACKGROUND VALUE FOR ARSENIC - BALANCING ACT

✓ NEED TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY BACKGROUND DETERMINATIONS (WORKLOAD ISSUE)

✓ NEED TO MINIMIZE "FALSE NEGATIVES"

(LUMPING DISCHARGES INTO BACKGROUND)

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

- **✓ DATA SOURCE: SANDERS (2003)** 
  - DETERMINATION OF BACKGROUND LEVELS OF METALS
  - ▶ 248 SAMPLES COLLECTED IN AREAS NOT IMPACTED BY LOCAL DISCHARGES
  - ► SAMPLES COLLECTED IN THE 4 GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE
  - ► SAMPLES COLLECTED IN URBAN AND NONURBAN AREAS

#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

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#### SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS BACKGROUND

- ✓ SELECTED THE LOWEST REGIONAL 95TH PERCENTILE VALUE AS AN APPROPRIATE VALUE FOR ARSENIC BACKGROUND
  - ▶ 8 MG/KG
- ✓ CONDUCTED A "REALITY CHECK" USING SITE DATA FROM EDSA
  - DATA SET ALL VALUES <= 20 MG/KG</p>
  - **▶ INCLUDES "CLEAN" AND "DIRTY" SAMPLES**

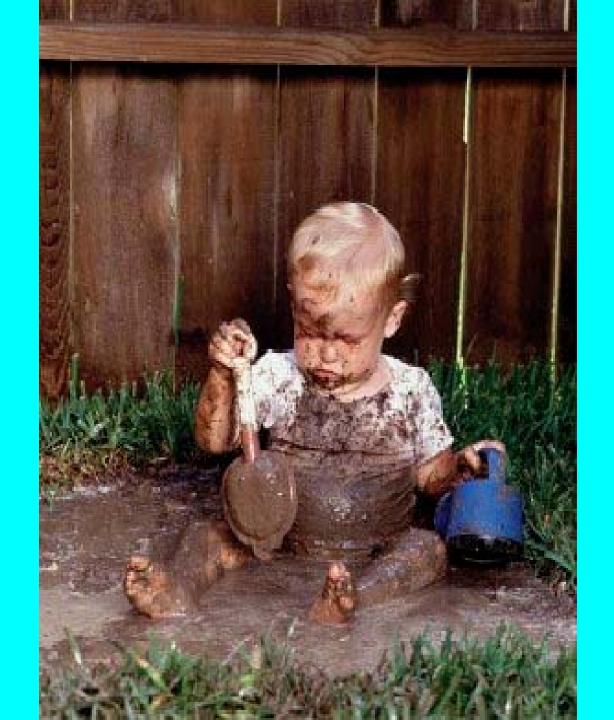
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SANDERS STUDY (	(ALL DATA)				
REGION	n	MEDIAN		75TH PERCENTILE	
Coastal Plain	4718	7.5	3.9	13.5	7.2
Piedmont	6610	3.5	5.2	7.5	12.4
Highlands	414	4.5	4.8	8.5	7.8
Ridge and Valley	259	5.5	4.9	6.5	5.4
All areas	12001	4.5	4.7	8.5	7.4

# Ingestion-Dermal Absorption Standards

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## Compounds Evaluated for Dermal Absorption Pathway

Arsenic

Benzo(a)pyrene

Cadmium

Chlordane

**DDT** 

Lindane

**PAHs** 

Pentachlorophenol

Semi-volatile organic compounds

# Combined Ingestion-Dermal Absorption Pathway

- Acknowledges that concurrent exposure occurs via dermal and ingestion pathways
- Consistent with EPA
- Combined pathways employ same target risk as other individual pathways
- Of 145 chemicals, about half have a dermal component and will have lower standards than our current SCC levels

# The Nonresidential Scenario Is Changed

 Using EPA's outdoor worker scenario for the nonresidential standards, rather than the indoor worker used in the current Soil Cleanup Criteria

Outdoor worker scenario is less conservative

### Toxicity Information Is Updated

 New toxicity information has been incorporated according to an established hierarchy

• As a result, chemicals with new toxicity data will have different standards than our current Soil Cleanup Criteria levels

#### Alternative Remediation Standards Are Limited

 Advancements in methodology, such as new toxicity or exposure information, improved or advanced models and methods

Appropriate site-specific default parameters

• Different land use determinations such as recreational or trespasser scenarios

### Compliance With Ingestion-Dermal Standards

 All sampled contaminants that exceed their relevant ingestion-dermal absorption standard must be remediated

• Site wide averaging is **not** routinely accepted, except on a case-by-case basis when sampling is deemed to be representative of the contaminant concentrations across the site

### Compliance With Ingestion-Dermal Standards

 Compliance averaging over an area of concern is allowed

 Averaging of sporadic low levels of contaminants with no discernable source area and minimal exceedances of a standard during post excavation sampling are allowed

#### Impact to Ground Water Standards

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### Purpose of the Impact to Ground Water Standards

 Protection of ground water from future contamination by chemicals leaching from the soil

 Protection of human health from contaminated ground water ingestion

# Why change from the 1992 Soil Cleanup Criteria methodology?

#### 1992 SCC Methodology

Semi-volatiles - ranking system

Volatile organics - Jury model

• Inorganics - develop on site specific basis

#### Proposed IGW Standards

Tiered Approach for Standards

 Generic - for cases/sites with little or no site specific information

Alternative Remediation Standards- (IGW ARS) - for cases/sites with some site information

### Generic Impact to Ground Water Soil Remediation Standards

Generic standards - based on conservative simple partitioning equation in order to apply state-wide without site specific information.

#### Generic IGW Soil Remediation Standards Methodology

 1996 USEPA Soil Screening Level Guidance Document

Simple Partitioning Equation

 This equation was used to develop the generic Impact to Ground Water Soil Remediation Standards

### USEPA Simple Partitioning Equation

- IGWSRS is calculated using the health based GWQC and a dilution attenuation factor
- Receptor well at downgradient edge of AOC.
   This results in ground water directly under an AOC meeting the GWQC.
- Contaminants in contact with ground water. This results in protection of ground water where there is no buffer zone between the contaminated soil and ground water.

## Advantages of Simple Partitioning Equation

- Recommended by USEPA
- Consistent with several other states
- Scientifically defensible
- Protective of ground water users in most cases with little or no site specific information
- Protective of sites with contamination in most mobile form and extending to the water table

### Alternative Remediation Standards (ARS)

Brownfields Act authorizes the use of of Alternative Remediation Standards based on site specific information

# ARS Option A. Site Specific Adjustment to the Simple Partitioning Equation

- Modification of key parameter values based on site specific data.
- Useful for
  - metals, where pH varies from default assumptions
  - semi-volatiles, where soil organic carbon content is elevated
  - higher dilution attenuation factor possible based on site specific ground water flow data.

### ARS Option B. Immobile Chemicals

- •Vadose zone contaminant transport model was used to predict which contaminants would migrate less than 1 foot in 100 years.
- •Where a 2 foot clean zone exists between such a contaminant and the ground water, no further remediation is necessary.
- •Most useful for:
  - -some semi-volatiles,
  - -some pesticides,
  - -PCBs
  - -lead

# ARS Option C. Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP)

• Uses USEPA Method 1312 to determine the concentration of a contaminant that will leach from the soil.

• Information from this test may be used to derive a site specific IGW ARS

#### ARS Option C. Advantages of SPLP

- Uses on-site soil leaching results are site/AOC specific
- Speciation of metals is a non-issue
- Can be used easily and in early stages of case processing
- Most commonly used and useful for metals, semivolatiles and pesticides

# ARS Option D. SESOIL Modeling

• Used to predict migration of contamination through the vadose zone and the concentration at the water table using site specific data

• This option does not allow future ground water contamination above the GWQC

• Most useful for metals, semi-volatiles, and immobile chemicals if a clean zone exists

### ARS Option E. Sesoil/AT123D (Vadose Zone and GW Modeling)

 Data from the SESOIL model is used as source input to ground water transport model (AT123D) to back calculate an acceptable IGW ARS

 Ground water is contaminated and contamination shows a decreasing trend in accordance with Tech Regs for natural GW remediation

Most useful for volatile organic compounds

#### ARS Option F. Consideration of Observed Ground Water Conditions

Metals, semi-volatiles and volatiles:

Highest levels of contaminants at water table, yet no ground water impacts observed, no remediation needed

#### Applicability and Compliance

- Class IIA aquifers
- Single point compliance
- Monitored Natural Attenuation of Soils
   Where PHC related contaminants exist above generic levels, and remediation is impracticable, monitor ground water to demonstrate decreasing trends in ground water contamination

#### Questions?

#### SCC Semi-Volatile Compounds

- Used Ranking System
- Based on Solubility, Biodegradability and Toxicity for each chemical
- Cleanup Criteria selected based on the sum of the Ranking

# SCC Semi-Volatiles Disadvantages

- May not protect ground water users
- Has no backing from other agencies (ex. USEPA) or scientists
- Not consistent with method used for other compounds

#### TABLE 1. CATEGORIES OF PARAMETERS USED IN RANKING SYSTEM

CRITERIA	RANKING CATEGORY
Solubility (mg/1)	
<1.0E-2	4
1.0E-2 to 1.0E+2	8
>1.0E+2	12
Biodegradation	
Relatively Undegradable	3
Moderately Degradable	2
Significantly Degradable	1
Toxicity	
A) Carcinogens	
Cancer Slope Factor (mg/kg/day)-1	
<1.0E-1	1
1.0E-1 to 1.0E + 0	2
>1.0E+0	3
B) Noncarcinogens	
Oral RfD (mg/kg/day)	
<1E-4	3
1E-4 to 1E-1	2
>1E-1	1
Total Ranking Sum	Soil Standard (mg/kg)
6-9	500
10-12	100
13-14	50
15-16	10
18	1

#### Example: Naphthalene

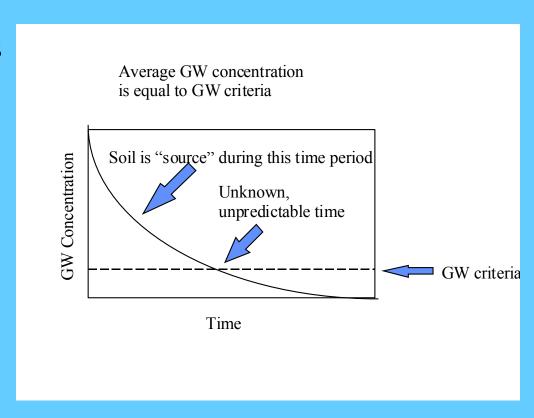
- Solubility = 8
- Biodegradation = 1
- Toxicity = 2
- Sum of Ranks = 11
- IGW SCC= 100 mg/kg

## SCC Volatile Organic Compounds

- Jury Model
- The average concentration in ground water met the GWQS over a period 70 years
- A 6 foot thick clean zone was assumed

#### SCC Volatile Organics Disadvantages

- Not protective of GW users during initial time period
- Not protective of sites with clean zone less than 6 feet thick
- All criteria below 1 ppm
  were "rounded" to 1 ppm
  (benzene 0.3 ppm ▶ 1 ppm)



#### SCC Inorganic Contaminants

- No criteria were developed
- Footnote states that site specific criteria can be developed

## USEPA Simple Partitioning Equation

Organic Contaminants

$$IGWSCC = C_{gw} \left\{ (K_{oc} f_{oc}) + \frac{\theta_w + \theta_a H'}{\rho_b} \right\} DAF$$

• Inorganic Contaminants

$$IGWSCC = C_{gw} \left\{ (K_d) + \frac{\theta_w + \theta_a H'}{\rho_b} \right\} DAF$$

#### **USEPA Simple Partitioning Assumptions**

- receptor well at downgradient edge of AOC
- contaminants in contact with ground water
- contaminants uniformly distributed in AOC
- contaminants extend from surface to water table
- no degradation in AOC

#### Immobile Chemicals

- Aluminum
- Copper
- Lead
- Vanadium
- Aldrin
- Benzo(a)anthracene
- Benzo(a)pyrene
- Benzo(b)fluoranthene
- Benzo(ghi)perylene
- Benzo(k)fluoranthene
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl phthalate)
- Butyl benzyl phthalate
- di-n-butyl phthalate
- Chlordane
- Chrysene
- DDD

- DDE
- DDT
- Dibenz(a,h)anthracene
- di-n-octyl phthalate
- Fluoranthene
- Heptachlor
- Heptachlor epoxide
- Hexachlorobenzene
- Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene
- Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
- Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
- Methoxychlor
- PCBs
- Pyrene
- Toxaphene

#### C. Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP)

- Uses USEPA Method 1312 to determine the concentration of a contaminant that will leach from the soil. This leachate concentration is compared to total soil concentration
  - Soil sample is split into two. First sample is analyzed for total contaminant concentration.
  - Remaining sample is subjected to leaching/extraction by liquid with a pH equivalent to acid rain, pH 4.2.
  - Contaminant concentration in leachate is compared to TGWC (GWQC\*DAF)
- Results from SPLP test can be used directly by comparing leachate to target ground water concentrations (GWQC \* DAF)
- Results may be used to determine site specific K<sub>d</sub> which can be used to calculate a site specific IGWARS

# Vadose Zone Modeling (SESOIL)

- Vadose Zone Contaminant Transport Model
- Predicts movement of contaminants in soil prior to their reaching the ground water
- accounts for the contaminant migration processes of advection, volatilization, and degradation
- Precipitation is generated using a statistical formula that incorporates monthly New Jersey climate data.
- The model includes runoff, infiltration, evapotranspiration, and ground water recharge.
- Contaminant transport downward is calculated via advection using a retardation factor.
- Vapor phase transport is also modeled (upward direction only) to allow calculation of contaminant volatilization.

# Vadose Zone and GW Modeling Sesoil/AT123D

- Data from the SESOIL model is used as source input to ground water flow model
- AT123D is an analytical ground water contaminant transport model.
- It accounts for 1) advection 2) dispersion 3) adsorption 4) contaminant decay

# Prerequisites for using SESOIL/AT123D Modeling

- ground water is already contaminated
- ground water concentrations at the source will meet GWQS within 5 years
- Source remediation to the calculated ARS will result in a decreasing trend in GW contaminant concentrations
- ground water contamination caused by the IGWARS will not extend beyond the actual ground water plume (which has to be fully delineated)

#### Introduction

- 1. Today's Presentation
- 2. Initial Task
- 3. Subcommittee's Deliberations
- 4. Standard Development and Compliance

#### Standard Development

- 1. Volatiles and Particulates
- 2. Exposure Scenario Assumptions

#### Alternative Remediation Standards

- 1. Brownfield Act allows site specific inputs
- 2. Alternative proposals models

#### Compliance

- 1. Fixed Area and Depth Approach
- 2. Averaging 95% UCL of the Mean
- 3. 95% UCL of the Mean is Compared to Standard

#### Optional Compliance

- 1. Optional Approach
- 2. Clean and Contaminated Zones
- 3. Averaging 95% UCL of the Mean for each Zone
- 4. Adjusted Average is Compared to Standard

# Critical Parts of the Inhalation Pathway Basis and Background

- Summary of the Standards,
   Table 7 Section V
- Compliance Protocol,
   Appendix J

Table 7:

Residential

Nonresidential - less than 2 acres

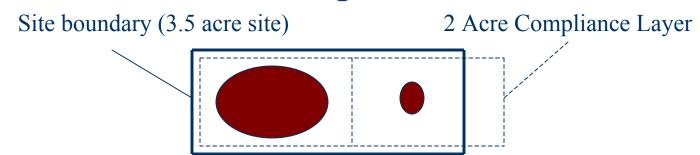
Nonresidential - equal or greater than 2 acres

#### Compliance Examples

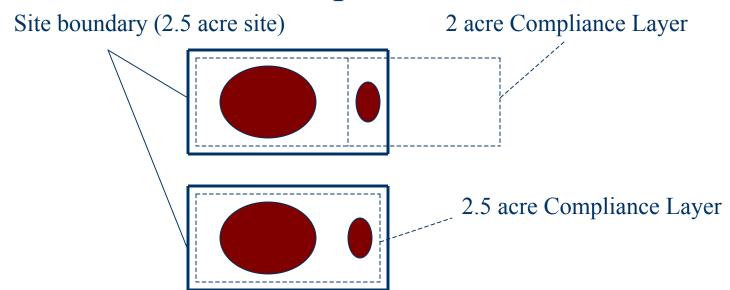
#### Assume:

- 1. Surficial distribution (less than 2 feet in depth) by a particulate contaminant
- 2. Two nonresidential sites One is 3.5 acres and the other is 2.5 acres

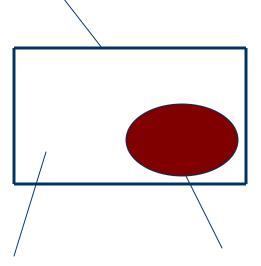
#### Compliance



#### Compliance



2 acre Compliance Layer



Plan view of a 2 acre nonresidential site with contamination in the 0 to -2 foot zone in an area of 0.5 acres (shaded area)

Clean Zone

**Contaminated Zone** 

#### Assume:

- 1. A standard of 100 mg/kg
- 2. The contaminated zone has a 95% UCL of the mean of 200 mg/kg
- 3. The clean zone has a 95% UCL of the mean of 25 mg/kg

Then, Within the Compliance Layer:

**Contaminated Zone** 

 $200 \text{ mg/kg} \times 0.5 \text{ acre} = 100 \text{ (mg acre)/(kg)}$ 

Clean Zone

 $25 \text{ mg/kg} \times 1.5 \text{ acre} = 37.5 \text{ (mg acre)/(kg)}$ 

Calculating the Compliance Layer Average Using the Averages from Both Zones:

$$\frac{100 \text{ (mg acre)/(kg)} + 37.5 \text{ (mg acre)/(kg)}}{2 \text{ acre}} =$$

68.75 mg/kg

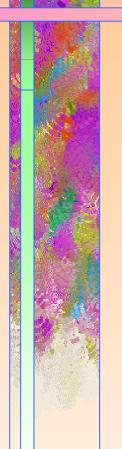
Since 68.75 mg/kg is less than 100 mg/kg, there is no regulatory concern

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# Rulemaking Soil Standards and Risk Mitigation

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# This presentation will cover

- Rulemaking basics
- How the public is given notice of rules
- How the public can comment
- What the Department does with public comments
- How new rules will fit into the existing site remediation process



## **Brownfield Act**

Adopt remediation standards that are protective of human health and the environment for:

- Ground water
- Surface water
- Soil



# **Rulemaking**

- Interested Party Review
- Proposal
- Adoption



# **The Rulemaking Process**

#### **Interested Party Review (Optional)**

- Flexible process
- Meetings or workshops
- No formal response to comments
- Input is used to prepare rule proposal



# **The Rulemaking Process**

#### **Formal Rule Proposal**

- Notification of Proposal
  - NJ Register
  - Newspapers
  - DEP Web Site
- 30-60 day public comment period
- Public hearing (optional)
- Written and Oral Comments (paper and diskette)



- Department has 1 year from date of proposal to adopt
- Adoption includes
  - Summary of comments
  - Written responses
  - Minor changes upon adoption
  - No substantive changes



# Remediation Standards Water Standards

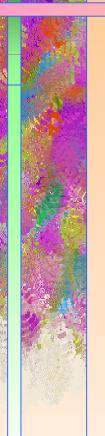
- **Ground Water Remediation Standards** (in Tech Rules NJAC 7:26E-1.13)
  - Based on Ground Water Quality Standards (readoption under development)
- Surface Water Remediation Standards
   (in Tech Rules NJAC 7:26E-1.13)
  - Based on Surface Water Quality Standards (readoption under development)



## **Remediation Standards**

**Soil Remediation Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:26D** 

- New rules under development
- Interested Party Review
- www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/regs/srs/



# **Interested Party Review Draft Soil Remediation Standards**

#### **Information on the web site:**

- Introduction
- Master table (the numbers)
- Basis and background documents:
  - Ingestion-dermal exposure pathway
  - Inhalation exposure pathway
  - Impact to ground water pathway



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New Soil Standards
Will Work in Concert with
Technical Rules for Site Remediation
(NJAC 7:26E)



or restricted use)

Protect Non-Residential Use (limited restricted)



# **Potential Tech Rule Changes**

- Include references to the new standards
- New or modified sampling or analytical requirements
- New technical guidance (not in rule)



#### **Types of Remedial Actions**

- Limited Restricted Use
  - Deed Notice
- Restricted Use
  - Engineering Controls and Deed Notice

**Remediation = Risk reduction** 

Risk reduction is to protect human health and the environment

**Risk = Contaminant + Receptor + Exposure** 



- Accomplish risk reduction by:
  - Removal of contaminant
  - Treatment of contaminant
  - Exposure control
    - Institutional controls (deed notice)
    - Engineering controls (physical barrier)



- Exposure control
  - Institutional controls (deed notice)
    - Model in Tech Rules, Appendix E
    - Notification
    - Limits site use
  - Engineering controls (physical barrier)
    - Fences
    - Caps
    - Ground water containment



- Institutional and engineering control requirements
  - Notification
  - Monitoring
  - Maintenance
  - Reporting every 2 years



# Related implementation issues

#### When to expect the New Standards?

No sooner then 11/2 years

#### **Implementation**

- Ongoing cases?
- Closed cases?
- Use in the interim?



# **Questions?**